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### THIS WIDE WORLD

INTELLIGENCE FROM ALL PARTS.

### THE TREATY SIGNED

CONSUMMATED IN PARIS SATURDAY NIGHT.

Signatures on Two Copies—One Is for the Archives, and Each Has the Text in English and Spanish, in Parallel Columns.

#### Peace Treaty Signed.

The treaty of peace was signed in Paris at 8:45 Saturday evening. The treaty as signed consists of seventeen articles, it having been found advisable to subdivide two or three articles in the manner agreed upon in the last meeting. The commissioners of the two nations wrote their signatures on two copies of the treaty, one copy being for the archives. The document was prepared by Secretary Moore in behalf of the United States commission, and by Senor Villa Ruffia for Spain, on account of the continued illness of Secretary Opeña of the Spanish commission. Each copy contains the English and Spanish texts of the treaty in parallel columns. The wording had been approved previously by the commissions without a joint meeting, so there was no controversy on this subject.

#### GEN. CALIXTO SARCIA DEAD.

Distinguished Cuban Warrior Passes Away in Washington.

Gen. Calixto Garcia, the distinguished Cuban warrior and leader and the head of the commission elected by the Cuban assembly to visit this country, died Sunday morning at the Hotel Raleigh, Washington, where the commission has its headquarters. The sudden change from the warm climate of Cuba, with the hardships he had there endured, to the wintry weather of New York and Washington is responsible for the pneumonia which resulted in his demise. He contracted a slight cold in New York, which did not assume an alarming stage until the early part of last week. On Tuesday night Gen. Garcia, in company with the other members of the commission, attended a dinner given in his honor by Gen. Miles, and it was a result of exposure that night which culminated in his death. During the twelve hours or more preceding dissolution Gen. Garcia was unconscious most of the time. His last words were irrational mutterings, in which he gave orders to his son, who is on his staff, for the battle which he supposed was to occur and in which he understood there were 400 Spaniards to combat.

#### MILLER WINS THE BIKE RACE

Finishes Nearly Twenty-Two Miles Ahead of Waller.

Charles W. Miller of Chicago, last year's six-day champion, won the great race at Madison Square Garden, New York, again this year, beating the world's record, his own, by twenty-four miles and leading the next man to him, Frank Waller of Boston, by twenty-two miles. Thirty-two men started when the pistol sounded a few minutes after midnight Monday morning, Dec. 5, and twelve finished.

The score at the end was as follows:

	Miles.
Miller	2,007.4
Waller	1,985.7
Pierce	1,966.7
Albert	1,822.6
Gimm	1,782.2
Lawson	1,757.6
Arnsen	1,729.5
Naxon	1,721.7
Forster	1,668.2
Stevens	1,519.8
Hale	1,502.2
Julius	1,166.7

#### THE SENTINEL STOOD PAT.

Kills One Soldier and Injures Another Who Tried to Pass Him.

Henry Reffett, private Company I, First Kentucky regiment, was killed and Henry C. Brehme, private, Company B, of the same regiment, was seriously injured Sunday night by a sentinel stationed at the gang plank of the transport Berlin, Newport News, Va., which brought the regiment from Porto Rico. The men started to board the transport, but did not have a pass. They ignored the injunction of the sentry to halt, and when they attempted to pass him he struck each of them over the head with his rifle. Reffett's skull was fractured and he died three hours later. Brehme will recover.

#### Extra Session Kansas Legislature.

It is stated positively by State Bank Commissioner John W. Breidenthal and other populist officials that a call for an extra session of the Kansas legislature will be issued by Gov. Leedy. The main object of the call, it is stated, is to pass a railroad bill to empower the state railroad board to fix maximum freight rates and invest in that board the power of a district court.

#### Illinois Miners Strike.

The seventy-five men employed in the coal mine at Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Ill., have struck, demanding the Springfield scale, 50 cents for hand and 43 cents for machine mining. They are now receiving 40 cents for hand and 35 cents for machine mining. The case will probably be submitted to arbitration.

#### Kansas Troops Mustered Out.

The twenty-first Kansas volunteers were paid at Camp Wailes, Leavenworth, Saturday, and mustered out.

### UNCLE SAM IN A NEW ROLE.

Porto Rico Occupation Forces Him to Manage Telegraph Lines.

The situation in Porto Rico promises to force on the government, for a time at least, the experiment of federal ownership of telegraph and telephone lines. The war department now controls all lines in Porto Rico and in the evacuated sections of Cuba. The latter, however, is looked upon as merely transient. In both places the lines are being repaired and the government is handling commercial messages after government matter. The signal service officer in charge of this work says it is too soon to draw conclusions as to the expense of the service, as the cost for maintenance and long delayed repairs are just now more than the income from the lines. But in six months from the 1st of January the signal service expects to be able to furnish some interesting data as to the profit in the insular wire service. The military occupation of the lines will naturally continue till the establishment of a civil government, and considerable interest is expressed as to how the management of the lines is to be disposed of eventually or whether it will be permanently retained by the government. This enforced officer lesson in federal management is naturally expected to have considerable influence pro or con in the agitation for like control in this country.

### SOCIAL DEMOCRACY MAYOR.

First Socialist to Be Elected to an Administrative Office.

An avowed disciple of social democracy will on January 2 be inaugurated mayor of Haverhill, Mass., being, so far as known, the first socialist to be elected to an administrative office in this country. By the municipal election Tuesday, Dec. 6, John C. Chase, aged 28 years, a clerk in a co-operative grocery store, was elected mayor, as a candidate of the social democracy, by a plurality of 350 votes in a field of six candidates. With him on the victorious ticket were three socialist candidates for aldermen and three for councilmen.

Mr. Chase said, referring to his party's platform: "I shall try with my comrades who have been elected to take some steps to bring each of various subjects before the people. Our campaign is not a revolutionary one, but one of education. We shall force nothing down the throats of the people, but will seek to educate them for these things that we recommend. There will be no general turnover in the city hall, and we shall try to do nothing but conduct the business of the city in a careful and honest manner. I do not expect opposition from other parties in the city council, but think we will have a harmonious administration."

### INSANE ASYLUM SCANDAL.

Officers of Colorado Institution Are Found to Be Grossly Neglectful.

The committee appointed by Gov. Adams of Colorado, to investigate the affairs of the state insane asylum at Pueblo has made its report. The findings of the committee are that there has been gross neglect on the part of the superintendent and employees, and that there is no system on record by which an intelligent idea of the financial and physical conditions of the institution can be gained. A change in superintendency and management and a more modern lunacy law are among the recommendations.

### Russia Orders Rolling Stock.

The state department has been informed by Consul General Holloway at St. Petersburg that the Russian government has placed a trial order through Consul Smith at Moscow with an American concern to equip twelve freight locomotives and 200 freight cars with air-brakes, at a cost of \$25,000.

### A Russian Horror.

The River Neva suddenly rose nine feet Friday night, inundating the lower quarters of St. Petersburg, Russia, where communication had to be carried on in boats. A great loss of life and property is reported. The flood commenced to subside in a few hours.

### Three Milwaukeeans Lost.

At least three Milwaukeeans are believed to have lost their lives in the recent terrible storm on the Atlantic coast. They were on the barge Red Wing. Their names are: Charles Anderson, captain; Alexander A. Anderson, cook; James Neilson, mate.

### To Amend Soldiers' Home Law.

Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill in congress amending the existing law in regard to the National Soldiers' homes, so as to admit volunteers who were disabled by the war with Spain. About 2,000 men are affected by the proposed amendment.

### Carelessness Cost \$100,000.

The careless handling of a lighted match by an employee of the Standard Oil Company at Los Angeles, Cal., caused a fire in the company's works which completely destroyed its property, resulting in a loss of about \$100,000, with no insurance.

### Cargo from a Spanish Port.

The first cargo to reach Philadelphia from a Spanish port since the outbreak of the war with Spain came last week on the Norwegian steamer Kingswood from Barcelona. The Kingswood carried a light general cargo.

### Another Body Recovered.

Another body was taken from the ruins of the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco Saturday. There was absolutely nothing to indicate the identity of the corpse, which is believed to be that of a woman.

### Taking the Emperor's Advice.

The London Daily News publishes the following dispatch from Odessa: It is reported here that the Turkish cavalry will be increased by 25,000 troops on the advice Emperor William.

### WAS HANGED TWICE

ROPE BREAKS AT A VIRGINIA EXECUTION.

Officers Again Hung the Inanimate Body, and Death Resulted in Twenty-Three Minutes—Ten Minutes Elapsed Between the Drops.

#### Horrors of the Scaffold.

John Anderson, the condemned murderer of Mate Saunders, of the schooner Olive Pecker, was executed in the city jail at Norfolk, Va., Friday afternoon. He marched from his cell to the scaffold unsupported. Anderson made a short speech saying he had forgiven the men who swore his life away and would die in peace. The rope was sprung and Anderson's body shot downward. The rope parted just inside the knot and his body fell to the cobblestones. A thrill of horror ran through the crowd. Officers and witnesses rushed to the body and snatched the cap from his head to find blood oozing from the mouth. A doctor was called and soon Anderson opened his eyes and it was said began to breathe naturally. He was carried feet foremost upstairs to the platform and laid down until a chair was obtained. He was placed in this but never spoke.

Preparations for rehanging him were hurriedly made. The other end of the rope was adjusted around his neck. He was raised to a standing position and the straps again placed on his limbs. While being supported by the officers the trap was again sprung. In twenty-three minutes life was pronounced extinct. Ten minutes elapsed between the first and second drops. Anderson's neck was broken, supposedly by the last drop.

### STRANGE ST. LOUIS CASE.

Mystery Surrounding the Identity of a Dead Man.

The discovery that the body found in Forest Park, in St. Louis, Mo., and supposed until a few days ago to be Edward L. Doling of Terre Haute, Ind., is the body of Elliott Duckworth has started the Terre Haute police on an investigation. Superintendent of Police Hyland and Chief of Detectives Dwyer state that Edward L. Doling, referred to as the ascending cashier of a bank in some town near Terre Haute, was no other than George Dolan, an all-around crook. Detective Dwyer states that A. S. Duckworth, a brother of the murdered man, called upon him at police headquarters last July. The detective says: "I searched the records at that time for the name Doling, but could find none. I told the man about Doling, and he seemed to be satisfied that he was the man wanted. I further told the stranger that Doling could be easily identified, as he was blind in one eye and had a white spot in the pupil by which his identity could not be hidden. I am certain that the Doling referred to in the St. Louis dispatches is Geo. Doling."

### THREE DEAD, EIGHT HURT.

Explosion at the Dupont Works Near Wilmington, Del.

Three men were killed and eight injured, three fatally, by the explosion of a press mill and four grinding mills in the Dupont, Del., Powder Works Saturday morning. The dead are: Robert McIlhenney, John Wright, John Moore. The fatally injured are: Thomas McCann, John Mulhern, Samuel Stewart. The explosion was caused by the overturning of a carload of powder, the car wheels running into the loose powder, causing the friction which ignited it. The shock shattered windows and damaged property in all directions.

### MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Woman's Method of Going to Heaven and Taking Her Daughter.

When Frank Brooks of Detroit, Mich., came home from work Saturday night he found in one bedroom his wife shot dead and in another his 9-year-old daughter also dead. In a note that he found from his wife she stated that she was tired of life and was going to heaven and take her little daughter with her, from which it is supposed that she committed the murder and then suicided. The woman had been in poor health for some time.

### Upholds Federal Bankrupt Law.

Judge Seaman in the United States district court at Milwaukee, upholds the federal bankrupt law and declares in an opinion filed that it divests the state courts entirely of jurisdiction in insolvency cases. Judge Sutherland of the superior court, held a few days ago that he had exclusive jurisdiction of insolvency proceedings commenced before him prior to the commencement of proceedings in the federal courts. Judge Seaman declares that the state courts are absolutely without jurisdiction in such matters.

### Broom Manufacturers Combine.

Representatives of broom manufacturers of half a dozen states met at Urbana, Ohio, last week to consider matters affecting that industry. It was agreed to advance the price of brooms 20 cents a dozen because of the advance in broom corn and other materials, and to issue a call for a national meeting of broom manufacturers at Chicago on December 20, at which time a national organization will be formed.

### Fatal Chicago Accident.

John Trozell was killed and John Kemperman and Samuel Larson fatally hurt by the falling of a scaffold in Armour & Co's elevator at Chicago. Two others saved themselves by holding to a cross-beam till rescued, dangling sixty feet in the air.

### LONDONIAN WRECKED.

Big Steel Cattle Ship Is Lost on the Atlantic.

The Johnston line steamship Vedamore of Liverpool, several days overdue, arrived at Baltimore Thursday with forty-five shipwrecked mariners, which she had picked up at sea. Twenty-five others went down with the ship. The men landed are the survivors of the British steamship Londonian of London, with a large general cargo and 650 cattle on deck. She left Boston November 15, and on November 23, in a violent gale her cargo shifted, and she almost capsized. She finally was resting on her beam end, with big seas breaking over her. For two days she drifted about at the mercy of the winds and waves. At 5 o'clock on the morning of November 25 the Vedamore hove in sight and as soon as she arrived alongside she was signaled to stand by.

Capt. Lee of the Londonian signaled, "Will abandon ship," and at noon in the teeth of a stiff gale the volunteer crew gallantly launched one of the Vedamore's boats and attempted to reach the sinking Londonian. For three hours the sturdy Britons battled with wind and wave in a vain attempt to reach her, but finally were forced to return to their ship. Capt. Bartlett of the Vedamore, then steamed to the windward of the doomed steamer, and several other attempts to rescue the Londonian's crew were made fruitlessly, till darkness closed in.

During the night the wind increased, and by morning blew very hard. Then the life buoys with lines attached were floated toward the Londonian, and at last her crew succeeded in getting aboard. One of the Vedamore's life boats, improvised as a life car, made a trip successfully, and twenty-two half frozen, exhausted men were brought aboard the Vedamore. As the boat was going back to the Londonian wreck a big sea demolished it. The lines were carried away and communications broken. All that day was devoted to attempts at a rescue, in which several boats were smashed. Another fearful night of peril passed. The next morning twenty-three men of the Londonian succeeded in launching one of their own boats, and reached the Vedamore in safety. Their boat was also lost, and all that day was spent in trying to again establish communication with the wreck. The gale was constantly increasing, and all efforts to save the others were in vain.

Even after night had fallen the Vedamore kept cruising about in the vicinity, but when day broke the next morning the Londonian had vanished. The Vedamore then proceeded to Baltimore.

On November 29, the day after the Vedamore lost sight of the Londonian, the steamship King Arthur passed her in latitude 45, longitude 16. She was then abandoned and all her boats were gone. It is supposed the remainder of her crew attempted to leave her in their own boats and all hands perished. The Londonian was a fine steel vessel, and registered 5,532 tons gross.

### Will Not Go Back to Wilmington.

Alexander L. Manley, the colored editor who was compelled to leave Wilmington, N. C., on account of the publication in his distrest of an editorial reflecting upon the white women of the south, and who has since resided in Asbury Park, N. J., has decided to publish his paper, the Record, in New York hereafter, instead of in Wilmington.

### Earthquake in California.

An earthquake shock was felt at Oakland, Cal., one day last week. It was severe enough to cause brick and stone buildings to sway and to break some glassware. No real damage was reported.

### Shoe Manufacturers Fail.

V. K. and A. H. Jones, boot and shoe manufacturers of Boston and Lyons, Mass., have made an assignment. The liabilities are \$130,000; assets unknown.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 64c to 65c; corn, No. 2, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 52c to 54c; butter, choice creamery, 20c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 22c to 24c; potatoes, choice, 30c to 40c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$3.75; sheep, common to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 67c to 69c; corn, No. 2 white, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$3.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 33c; oats, No. 2, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 53c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 67c to 69c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 58c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$3.50; sheep and lambs, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 68c to 71c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 30c; rye, 54c to 56c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 68c to 70c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 53c to 55c; clover seed, new, \$4.55 to \$4.65.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 64c to 65c; corn, No. 3, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 1, 53c to 54c; barley, No. 2, 43c to 51c; pork, mess, \$7.75 to \$8.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$3.75; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$4.75; lambs, common to extra, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2 red, 75c to 76c; corn, No. 2, 40c to 42c; oats, No. 2, 32c to 33c; butter, creamery, 16c to 21c; eggs, Western, 25c to 27c.

### STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

The Decision of the District Court at Omaha Declaring Bartley's Bondsmen Not Liable for Shortage Reversed by the Supreme Court.

#### Bondsmen Are Liable.

The decision of the district court at Omaha in declaring bondsmen of ex-Treasurer Joseph S. Bartley not liable for his shortage was reversed in an opinion rendered by the supreme court. The decision is important and unexpected. The amount directly involved is \$201,000, which sum Bartley took from a state depository bank, and for which he was convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to the penitentiary, where he now is. Indirectly the decision affects Bartley's whole shortage of nearly \$700,000, which it now seems probable his bondsmen must pay.

#### Farmer Wants \$2,200 Damages.

Madison Willan, a farmer living near Panama, has brought suit against the McCormick Harvesting Company at Lincoln for \$2,200 damages, which he claims to have sustained by reason of the company bringing suit against him in several different counties of the state. In 1882, while living in Illinois, Mr. Willan and his brother bought a harvester and gave three \$100 notes in payment. Before coming to Nebraska the plaintiff paid \$150, leaving the remainder for his brother, as agreed upon. The brother died in a short time and after the lapse of a number of years the harvesting company began a series of lawsuits against Mr. Willan to recover the money.

#### When Is a Man Legally Dead.

The question as to how long a man must remain unheard of by his friends to become legally dead in Nebraska is likely to be settled in district court at Lincoln at the present term. Mrs. Catherine Meisinger has brought suit against the Modern Woodmen on a benefit certificate issued to her husband on May 18, 1889. A week later Meisinger, who was a well known barber of the place, left home and has never since been heard from. The plaintiff, after the expiration of the seven years' absence, forwarded to the Modern Woodmen proofs of the above facts, but the order refused to pay the claim, hence the present suit.

#### Mysterious Disappearance.

Isaac Greenen, the old widower who was arrested at Wymore charged with an intent to commit an assault upon the person of an 8-year-old Bohemian girl, was to have had his preliminary hearing one day last week, but when the time for trial came it was discovered that Greenen had mysteriously disappeared and a further investigation disclosed the fact that he visited Beatrice and had all his property, which amounts to several thousand dollars, transferred to his daughter. Where the old man has gone is a mystery, but many people at Wymore think he went to Texas.

#### Plattsburgh Man Tires of Life.

Irving Edge of Plattsburgh committed suicide by cutting a four-inch wound in the left side of his throat, severing the carotid vein and from the effects of which he bled to death almost before a physician, who was summoned, could reach him. He had evidently stood in front of the dresser to perform the act as blood was spattered all over the mirror, while his bleeding body was found against the door to his room, where he had fallen after staggering across the room.

#### Child Scalded.

The 3-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Geister met with a painful accident at Dakota City. Mrs. Geister was melting snow and had set a boiler of boiling water on the floor to refill and had gone after more snow, when screams from the house attracted her. Upon quickly returning she found her little one just extricating herself from the boiler of scalding water. She had fallen in backwards and scalded herself badly from the shoulders to the knees.

#### Child Falls on a Stove.

Thomas Battall of Juniata built a fire in the cook stove the other morning and then went out to feed his team. His 2-year-old child crawled out of bed, climbed on a chair and fell over the stove, receiving such burns that it died.

#### Benefits the University.

The University of Nebraska is indirectly benefiting by the recent burning of the Lincoln Normal University, over fifty of the students having enrolled for work in the state institution within the last week.

#### General Store Fails.

The big general merchandise store of A. L. Button of Allen was closed by the creditors. Button's main store at Wakefield is also involved. It is understood the liabilities will reach over \$15,000.

#### Hurt by an Eagle.

While F. E. Lloyd was trying to capture an eagle near Ord the bird of freedom struck its talons deep into his wrist, causing a painful wound which will take some time to heal.

#### Firemen Give a Fair.

The Wymore volunteer fire department have decided to give a fireman's fair. The object is to raise money to purchase new uniforms for the members, who number about fifty.

#### New Telephone System Installed.

An independent telephone system with 200 connections was opened in Plattsburgh during the past week. Very good results are obtained and the system is well patronized.

#### Woodmen Dedicate New Hall.

The Wymore Woodmen of the World dedicated their handsome new hall in a fitting manner the other night and at the same time entertained their friends.

#### Call on State Banks.

The state banking board has issued a call for the state banks to send in reports of their conditions at the close of business on December 1.

### REORGANIZING THE GUARD.

Adjutant General Barry Hurring Forward Work of Recruiting.

An order has been issued from the adjutant general's office authorizing Lieut. McCarthy, late of the University Cadet battalion, to organize a company of the Nebraska National Guard at Aurora. It is given out that this extra company is not intended to take the place of any particular company, for the reason that there is not as yet any vacancy in the Second regiment to be filled, but the natural supposition is that the new company is to be got in readiness so that should any of the old companies decline to go into the reorganized regiment then the Aurora company could be put in without any delay. The extreme anxiety to get the regiment organized is the cause of much talk among the old guardsmen. They realize that in order to draw the national appropriation of \$6,000 the state must have an organization of at least 800 men before January 1.

### PENSION FOR MRS. HAMILTON

Husband Fell on Crest of San Juan Hill July 1.

Senator Thurston has introduced the first bill to pension the widow of a soldier who fell during the war of 1898. The bill is for the relief of Mrs. Isabel B. Hamilton, wife of late Lieut. Colonel John M. Hamilton of the Eight United States cavalry, and is for \$75 per month. Col. Hamilton was one of the heroes of the Santiago campaign. Hamilton was killed on the crest of San Juan hill July 1 while leading his command in the charge of the block house. Mrs. Hamilton resides in Omaha. Mr. Thurston also introduced a bill to pension Mrs. Elizabeth C. Dennis, widow of Brigadier General John B. Dennis, late of Omaha at \$30 per month.

### Child Loses an Eye.

Three weeks ago Lawrence Updike, 2-year-old son of P. H. Updike of Harvard, fell from a chair in which he was standing, striking his face immediately under the right eye and causing a bad bruise. Mrs. Updike noticed the eye turning to a greenish gray and an investigation showed that the sight was entirely gone. The condition was caused by a clot of blood forming in the eyeball.

### Sugar Factory Makes Good Run.

The sugar factory at Grand Island has closed down after a successful though short run. The beet crop was excellent, but the acreage was much smaller than last year, owing to the difficulties encountered at the opening of the season between the Beet Growers' Association and President Oxnard in regard to the Hawaiian clause.

### County Takes Up Its Bonds.

Twenty years ago Polk County bonded itself to obtain the money to build the Omaha & Republican Valley Railroad. Since then the interest has been collected by taxation each year with an additional sum to apply on the reserve. The full amount, \$66,000, has now been raised and the debt will be discharged.

### Child Burned by Lye.

The 2-year-old son of C. R. Kurth of Leigh, while playing about the kitchen, found a cup containing a quantity of liquid lye and attempted to drink it. The cup was taken from him before he could swallow any of the contents, but his tongue, mouth and lips were terribly burned by the liquid.

### Blind Woman Regains Sight.

After a total blindness of twelve years' duration, Mrs. Palmer, an old woman living a few miles southwest of Ainsworth, suddenly regained her sight last week and now seems to see as well as ever.

### New Church Dedicated.

The Second Congregational Church of Norfolk was dedicated December 4. The new edifice cost \$2,000, the greater amount of which was contributed by members of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad.

### Nebraska Short Notes.

Palisade is to have a creamery. Virden sportsmen indulged in a sidehunt, which resulted in the slaughter of 402 rabbits.

There are about twenty cases of measles in Exeter and the disease is becoming epidemic.

The people of Pawnee County have subscribed \$6,000 to lift the debt on Pawnee Academy.

The St. Paul road has promised to erect new depots in Tekamah and Wakefield in the spring.

Central City sports recently organized a big wolf hunt. They did not even see a wolf, much less get one.